

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the abstract with the following replacement abstract:

A coated stent is provided including a coating ~~comprising~~  
composed of one or more co-polymers of ethylene with  
carboxylic acid wherein the carboxylic acid co-monomer  
content is 5-50 wt%.

Please replace the section entitled Cross Reference with the following replacement section:

**Cross Reference**

This is a divisional of U.S. patent application serial number 09/748,719 filed December 22, 2000, which issued on November 30, 2004 as U. S. Patent No. 6,824,559.